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# Information Paper

## Dredging-Mississippi River-Little Falls, Minn.



*Overview of project features at Little Falls, Minn.*

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### Location/Description:

Little Falls is located in central Minnesota in the middle of Morrison County. The Mississippi River flows from north to south through the center of the city. The problem area is located just upstream and downstream from the U.S. Highway 10 bridge on the east side of the Mississippi River. The problem consists of excessive sedimentation and aquatic plant growth, which is degrading the water quality, affecting navigation, causing localized erosion, adversely affecting aesthetics, and reducing recreational use in the area.

### Status:

A Feasibility Study was completed in fiscal year 1999 that shows a dredging project is technically feasible. A Section 401 Water Quality Certificate has been obtained from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Plans and Specifications have been completed and the construction contract was awarded in May 2001 to Ceres Environmental. Construction is underway.

### Additional:

In March 1998, the St. Anthony Falls Laboratory completed a report titled "Physical and Numerical Model Study of the Little Falls Reservoir, Mississippi River at Little Falls, Minn." The report recommended dredging.

### Authority:

Section 106 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 authorized the feasibility study. Section 106 required a study to investigate clearing, snagging, and sediment removal at Little Falls. The Water Resources Development Act of 2000 authorized construction.

### Fiscal:

The bid for construction was \$1,263,450 and this will be entirely Federal cost. Construction completion is scheduled for the end of October 2001. There is no non-federal sponsor.